

# **5 FAH-10 H-530 POUCH CONTENTS**

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## **5 FAH-10 H-531 PROHIBITED MATERIALS**

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a. Pouches may not contain items that are illegal to import into the receiving country, export from the sending country, or items that are classified as hazardous.

b. The following items are prohibited for pouch dispatch.

- (1) Aerosols;
- (2) Alcoholic beverages;
- (3) Ammunition;
- (4) Animals, endangered species products;
- (5) Any items for resale;
- (6) Bulk supplies
- (7) Controlled or illegal substances to be used without a prescription;
- (8) Corrosives;
- (9) Currency (cash);
- (10) Explosives;
- (11) Firearms;
- (12) Flammable type films;
- (13) Glass containers;
- (14) Incendiary materials such as road flares, cigarette lighters, self starting charcoal, etc.;
- (15) Liquids other than medically related;
- (16) Magnetic materials such as powerful magnets that can damage computer software and other electrical equipment;
- (17) Narcotics;
- (18) Personal professional books and materials intended to be used for a private business; this does not include professional books and material received from attending FSI or similar type training courses;
- (19) Plants;
- (20) Poisons; and
- (21) Radioactive substances.

## **5 FAH-10 H-531.1 Violations**

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a. Employees who violate the provisions of 5 FAH-10 H-531 are subject to loss of pouch privileges and/or disciplinary action.

b. Personnel at posts must advise A/IM/RM/DPM by telegram of pouch violations when they occur. Include name of individual, organization, parent organization in Washington, registry numbers, classification and a description of the item(s).

c. Any employee who has knowledge of serious pouch violations must advise OIG/INV in writing, with a copy to A/IM/RM/DPM. Examples of serious violations include:

(1) Shipping ammunition, explosives, firearms, and narcotics of any quantities; and

(2) Shipping large quantities of any prohibited materials, as specified in 5 FAH-10 H-531 .

## **5 FAH-10 H-531.2 Parcels Containing Prohibited Material**

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a. If parcels have postage and a valid return address, they are returned to sender via the method received (UPS, USPS, etc.). A telegram will be sent to post informing the addressee that the parcel was rejected and returned to sender.

b. Parcels addressed to and from the same person and the same address cannot be returned or forwarded. A telegram will be sent to the post requesting the addressee to make arrangements to have the parcel removed from the unclassified pouch and mail facility, SA-32, located at Sterling, Virginia within ten (10) working days from date of the telegram. If the parcel is not removed within this period, it will be destroyed.

## **5 FAH-10 H-532 CONTENTS DISCLOSURE**

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The following applies to all DPS users.

(1) Do not disclose or discuss pouch contents, regardless of nature or classification, with any person except Government employees with proper security clearance and a need to know.

- (2) Never disclose or discuss pouch contents with foreign officials.

## **5 FAH-10 H-533 CONTENTS CLASSIFICATION**

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Communications originated by any U.S. Government agency or Foreign Service post concerning material to be dispatched by pouch must be classified according to the following criteria:

- (1) Communications may be designated UNCLASSIFIED when pouch contents are discussed in a general way (e.g., by registry number or by referring only to "items" or "material").

- (2) Communications must be at least SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED when they specifically identify items being sent (e.g., "passports," "Ambassador Smith's letter of July 6") by pouch and transportation channel.

## **5 FAH-10 H-536 THROUGH H-539 UNASSIGNED**